

1997 Census of Agriculture

County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

ALAMANCE

NORTH CAROLINA

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	34,603	53	100	1,582	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	21,548	44	100	1,166	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,056	63	100	1,585	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	10,306	36	86	89	580
Poultry & poultry products	10,090	42	97	437	2,901
Dairy products	7,019	7	67	491	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,051	11	99	1,620	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	579	12	97	1,474	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,918,000	44	68	386	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	584,933	12	72	146	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,976	12	99	1,613	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,168	69	95	1,520	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,542	22	63	656	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	492,560	9	98	158	3,002
Broiler inventory	427,056	40	81	346	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	17	51	252	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	24	72	329	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	22,969	9	99	1,399	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,682	8	99	1,323	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,357	48	100	1,478	2,691
Tobacco-acres	3,137	36	86	87	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,910	63	88	1,315	2,144
Wheat-acres	2,645	56	86	1,322	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	453	415	9
\$10,000 or more	278	310	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,534	24,286	-3
Average per farmdollars..	32,238	33,498	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,617	6,155	8
Average per farmdollars..	9,064	8,489	7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	647	648	-0
Partnership or corporation	82	76	8
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	333	339	-2
Other	398	386	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	674	663	2
Female	57	62	-8
Operators by race:			
White	695	691	1
Black and other races	36	34	6
Average age of operator	56.2	55.4	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.